

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN "PROMISE"

We promise to walk in the way of Jesus' love by: Looking for the God seed in all people while practicing healthy processes of inclusiveness, showing grace and honesty.

- Building-up community by showing Hospitality, Equality and speaking truth in love.
- Willing to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we grow spiritually and are transformed in God's love, grace and peace.
- Study, Practice, and Commitment to Forbearance* as we search for common ground.
- Joyously Celebrating Life.

*Forbearance:

Forbearance is a Biblical concept.

The Greek words in the New Testament translated as carry meanings of patience self-control, restraint, mercy, long-suffering and the refusal to threaten (EPH. 4:2; COL 3:13, EPH 6:9, 11COR 12:6)

Forbearance does not jeopardize or denigrate individual conviction, but it does place boundaries on the quality and character of individual responses.

Forbearance does not require one to accept what another believes, but it does require one listen and try to understand what another believes without demeaning, personal attacks, or acting to disenfranchise the other person.

GROUP GATHERINGS after Fellowship

Children under 9 yrs meet in classrooms west of kitchen / Keri Anderson,
Sharon Lemmon

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 401 / Mark & Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion – 11:00 a.m. following Worship on ZOOM + Office
Wired Word Lesson

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Right Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.

Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741

e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com

Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



We have a Children's Play area set up in the sanctuary for parents with young children. We understand and accept that it isn't easy for young children to sit still throughout the service. The play area is along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary.

We ask that the parents sit close to the play area since this isn't supervised by anyone. God Bless the Children.



Middlebury Church of the Brethren April 25, 2021



Emmaus is Everywhere

April 25, 2021

Theme: Being shaped for the Beloved Community

Welcome and Announcements		Dalis Andrews
Opening prayer		Dalis Andrews
Prelude	<i>Holy Ground</i>	Lorie Copeland
Opening song	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	YouTube
<i>You are invited to leave your offering on the table by the sanctuary doors.</i>		
Offering prayer	Generous God, we offer our gifts and our lives; may the spirit in which they are given allow them to free rather than bind, to heal rather than wound, and to serve the reign of the Lover of Life. Amen.	
Joys and Concerns		
Prayers for the People		
Prayer Response	<i>I Will Come to You in the Silence (Your are Mine)</i>	
	Sing the Story CD	Screen
Scripture	Luke 24:13-35	Dramatic Reading
Message	Emmaus is Everywhere	Pastor Janet Shaver
Closing song	<i>God of The Bible</i> Sing the Journey CD	Screen

Blessing for the Road:

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love, bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.

~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

Postlude

April 25, 2021 Announcements

TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE go to mcob.org, bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube. Toward the top, click on "Live." It doesn't go live until the loft activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, leave the page and try again.

Office hours for Dalis: 9:30am – 2:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Please know that emails and voice mails that come into the office Friday – Monday may not be seen until Tuesday.

Sunday school today is Wired Word with Don Anderson.

With the new door system there is a delay when using the  paddle or when I open the door for you from the office. Please be patient.

Join Rene Black for **Who Will Be a Witness** in person on Thursday morning 10 a.m. and Thursday evening on ZOOM at 7 p.m.

All men are invited to coffee and conversation at the Poyser Farm on Wednesdays, at 1:00 pm. Weather permitting the group will be in the corncrib. Bring your own drink. Chairs are provided. Call Steve Poyser with questions – 574 215-2158

All women are invited to coffee and conversation at Krider Gardens on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. This is contingent upon the weather being 60° or above and dry.

May/June The Upper Room devotionals are in and you are welcome to stop in to pick up yours. The other option now is to receive it online. Go to go to bottom section and find *The Upper Room* daily devotional.

There is now a **Puzzle and Book Nook** in the hallway leading back to the daycare, just outside the sanctuary. Bring your old puzzles and books to exchange or just take one; **you do not need to bring a book or puzzle to take one**. Do not bring any book or puzzle that you may not want to lose. Please do not bring magazines or periodicals.

Food Pantry – Supplies are always being collected; however, these items are always especially needed: cooking oil, all personal hygiene items, and toothpaste. Also, you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church.

JOYS and CONCERNS April 25, 2021

Please notify Dalis Andrews in the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed.

- **Hanna Rhoads** for health concerns related to dementia
- **Tom Miller**, who will be having cataract surgery on Thursday, April 29th
- Matt Weaver's mom, **Cheryn**, was in an auto accident on Wednesday, 4/7. She was not injured but feeling anxiety since the accident.
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be having surgery on Thursday, 4/29, at which time they will determine the extent of the cancer.
- Healing for **Don Muhnickel** for his shoulder injury
- Healing for **Sharon Lemmon** following foot surgery on 3/23
- Please keep Martha Huebert's daughter-in-law, **Lauren Zamora** in prayer; she has been diagnosed with at least three auto-immune diseases
- **Gary Black** that the drainage of his wound will stop so that it can heal.
- **Sherry Bickel** for continuing teaching challenges due to the pandemic.
- Mike Byrd for declining health
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen Showalter
- Eleanor Hawkins for leg pain
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration